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Levi Supports Kelley at FBI

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Outgoing Attorney General Edward H. Levi voiced support yesterday of FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley but stopped short of saying he should be kept by President-elect Jimmy Carter.

Asked during an interview with reporters what he would advise if attorney General-designate Griffin B. Bell consults him about Kelley Levi said.

"I would say to him what I would say publicly — namely, that I think Clarence Kelley has done a very good job as director of the bureau." He credited Kelley with "rearranging the priorities of the FBI. I regard that as leadership."

Asked if he felt Kelley should be retained, Levi said: "I do not arrogate to myself that kind of decision because I don't know all the elements a new Attorney General or President-elect would want to take into account."